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SUBJECT: BURMA REPORTS LAST WEEK'S AI OUTBREAK

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11. (U) Summary: On May 28, the Director General of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD) reported to OIE the May 22 outbreak of AI at an isolated chicken farm on Burmese military premises in Rangoon. The Ministry of Health continues to observe over 30 people in the outbreak area, but has no suspected human cases. End summary.

12. (U) On May 28, Maung Maung Nyunt, the Director General of LBVD officially reported to OIE the May 22 AI outbreak at an isolated poultry farm under the control of the Rangoon Division Command of the Burmese Army (reftel). The report states that fifteen of 866 chickens died, and the remaining 851 chickens were destroyed. Post-outbreak testing showed the birds had HPAI as well as Newcastle disease, confirmed by Rapid Test and PCR tests.

13. (SBU) The WHO AI coordinator confirmed that the Ministry of Health will continue to monitor 34 people who came into contact with the affected birds and the area. She said they had found no sign of AI in humans. Officials do not know the source of the disease, but the OIE report states that the GOB will apply controls at wildlife reservoirs and poultry zones.

14. (U) Government media reported on May 22 that LBVD has conducted tests at farms previously affected by AI and their surrounding areas, after lifting restrictions on the movement of poultry after the last outbreak on April 23. The press encouraged Burmese to come forward with information on dead birds and to ensure biosecurity to prevent recurrence. On May 27, the government press reported that it had conducted tests at 95 farms so far, with positive AI results at one duck farm and one chicken farm, but did not include further details about the location.

